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## News and Events

### **Penny for Your Thoughts**

GSU needs your two cents when it comes to budget-related challenges. It Just Makes Cents, an innovative program similar to Why Not?, encourages members of the GSU community to suggest money saving and revenue generating ideas.

Citing the State's financial crisis, the [It Just Makes Cents website](#) notes, "The university remains committed to continuing to serve our students and the Southland region – but that can only be accomplished with your help."



Those submitting ideas are encouraged to think outside the box to improve GSU's bottom line.

Submissions can be made via the new [It Just Makes Cents website](#).

### **Inquiring Minds Want to Know...You**

Who's your favorite Beatle? What's your favorite color? If you could choose, what type animal would you like to be?



Actually, the GSU View is NOT looking for answers to those questions in our new feature, *Twenty Questions, Plus One*. We will, however, be asking you about garlic and olive oil, the Cubs and Sox, your high school fight song, and lots more.

You'll have the option to answer any 10 of the 20 questions we've assembled, and must also to reply to our Final Question meant for everyone. We're looking for responses from both faculty and staff, in an effort to get to know one another better.

We'll share your answers to questions great and small, serious and not so serious, in future editions of the GSU View.

Participate today by contacting [Tom Houlihan](#), GSU View's *Twenty Questions Plus One* impresario, at ext. 8952. You'll receive a list of questions and we'll also ask you for a photo that can appear with your replies.

### **Rent For Less**

Follett's GSU Bookstore will begin offering a textbook rental option this fall.

The textbook rental program

- is available to students in store and online;
- allows students to choose a preferred form of payment, including financial aid and campus cards;

- allows students the freedom to highlight and take notes all within the normal wear and tear associated with coursework; and
- gives students the option to purchase their textbook at the end of the term.

The rental option is available for select titles only. For more information, contact Bookstore Manager Bernie Bolz at ext. 4562.

## **Relax at GSU**

On July 14, relax by the GSU pond with a 10 or 15-minute chair massage. Student massages are only \$5. For everyone else, the cost of a message is \$1 per minute. At either price, it is a great deal and a great opportunity to unwind from the stresses of school and work.

Massages will be provided by Massages by Design and Student Life is sponsoring the event. Pre registration and pre payment is required at the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center. The First 50 participants who pre-register and pre-pay will be entered into a drawing for a complimentary relaxation package consisting of a one-hour massage, manicure, and pedicure. Walk-ins will be accommodated if time and space allows.

For more information, call 708.235.4556.

## **PT Students Meet, Exceed Challenge**

For the second year in a row, GSU Physical Therapy students, all members of the Physical Therapy Student Association (PTSA), accepted the Marquette Challenge – a fundraising program benefitting research through the American Physical Therapy Association’s Foundation for Physical Therapy. Since 1989, physical therapy students at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, have challenged students from other PT programs across the nation to raise funds.

The GSU team raised \$3,000, which is three times as much as last year. Heading up GSU’s challenge this year was Kristy Ton, outgoing PTSA President. Joyce Sligar, PT, MBA, MA, Director of Clinical Education for GSU’s Physical Therapy Department, serves as club advisor.

“It was very much a whole team effort,” Ton noted. “It took a lot of time to write all the papers and research all the quiz questions. The faculty members were all very excited and supportive of this venture.”

For their fundraising venture, Ton and nearly 20 other GSU PTSA members chose continuing education as their focus. The students researched and wrote a complete independent, home-study package of functional and balance tests, complete with quizzes, for the physical therapy staff members of Rehab Connections in Homer Glen.

Extra funds raised by the PTSA were used for student tuition grants; the funds also helped 19 students attend the American Physical Therapy Association national conference last February in San Diego, California.



## **Documentary and Discussion**

*Storming the Gates*, a 25-minute documentary film on minority access to higher education, will be screened on July 14, at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. A panel discussion will follow to investigate the issue further.

The Illinois African American and Latino Higher Education Alliance (IALHEA) produced the film, which chronicles

the African American and Latino quest for access and equity in Illinois colleges and universities. Minority presence on college resulted from tremendous struggle and sacrifice, and the struggle continues. *Storming the Gates* illustrates the links between access and the Civil Rights movements of African Americans and Latinos in the sixties and seventies. It highlights the importance and the central role Illinois played in the national struggle for access and equity.

A panel of education leaders and experts, many who appear in the documentary, will discuss the contemporary significance of the struggle. Panel members will include IALHEA members Dr. Michael Toney, Executive Director, Urban Health Program - University of Illinois at Chicago and D.J. Wells, adjunct GSU faculty and Director of Public Relations and Marketing, Urban Health Program - University of Illinois at Chicago.

The event is free, open to the public, and sponsored by Access to a College Education Student Support Services (ACESSS) and Student Life at GSU. For more information, contact [Vanessa Newby](#) at ext. 4552.

## **Supplies Needed for Area Students**

The Black Student Union is sponsoring its annual Elementary School Backpack Drive to assist elementary school students who are in need of school supplies and backpacks.

Participants are asked to purchase a backpack (for a girl or boy) and include two spiral notebooks, four folders, four report covers, two packs of loose leaf paper, safety scissors, crayons, glue, glue sticks, markers, pencils, pens, wet wipes, travel size hand sanitizer, highlighters, individual packets of Kleenex tissue, and a pocket dictionary.

The backpacks will also include a note from the BSU encouraging the students to achieve high grades and be the best they can be.

Backpacks with school supplies should be dropped off at room A2126, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Donations will be accepted through August 6.

Sponsored schools include:

Coretta Scott King Magnet School: University Park

Lincoln Elementary: Chicago Heights

Medgar Evers: Ford Heights

Wilson Elementary School: Chicago Heights

Beacon Hill: Chicago Heights

## **Pierre-y Potter**



COE student Lisa Reza captured Pierre's arrival at Hogwarts School at Universal Studios in Florida. Apparently, he and Harry Potter recently brewed up some strange potions.



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